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AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

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TANZANIA

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1. REFTEL REPORTS BURUNDI ANZIETY THAT TANGOV HAS PLACED EMBARGO ON SHIPMENTS OF COFFEE TRASITING TANZANIA FOR TRANSSHIPMENT THROUGH PORT OF DAR ES SALAAM. EMBOFF RAISED SUBJECT WITH SAILLEZ, MANAGER, AGENCE MARITIME INTERNATIONALE (AMI), BELGIAN COMPANY WHICH MOVES ALL EASTERN ZAIRE AND BURUNDI CARGO ACROSS TANZANIA. SAILLEZ NOT AWARE OF ANY OFFICIAL TANGOV ORDER SUSPENDING MOVEMENT OF COFFEE SHIPMENTS ACROSS TANZANIA. HE EXPLAINED SITUATION AS FOLLOWS:

2. THUS FAR, SINCE THIS YEAR'S BURUNDI COFFEE CROP BEGAN MOVING
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OVERSEAS, AMI HAS HANDLED ABOUT 8,000 TONS WITH CIRCA 2-3,000 TONS

YET TO BE MOVED. SINCE BUJUMBURA, SO AMI UNDERSTANDS, HAS SUSPENDED SELLING COFFEE BECAUSE IT VIEWS WORLD PRICES TOO LOW, HE FORESEES FEW PROBLEMS IN EVACUATING BACKLOG IN BURUNDI AWAITING SHIPMENT.

3. AROUND TURN OF THE MONTH, SAILLEZ NOTED, AMI'S SHED IN PORT OF DAR ES SALAAM BECAME FILLED WITH BURUNDIAN COFFEE AWAITING EXPORT. COFFEE COULD NOT BE SHIPPED ABROAD AS SHIPS ON WHICH CARGO BOOKED HAD TO WAIT 15-20 DAYS FOR BERTH. THUS, RAILROAD CARS FILLED WITH BURUNDIAN COFFEE BEGAN BACKING UP IN PORT MARSHALLING YARDS WAITING TO BE OFFLOADED INTO OVERFLOWING EXPORT SHED. CONSEQUENTLY, EAST AFRICA RAILWAYS REFUSED TO PROVIDE AMI WITH MORE RAILROAD CARS AND, THEREFORE, AMI FORCED TO SUSPEND BARGE SHIPMENTS FROM BUJUMBURA AS THERE ARE NO TRANSSHIPMENT SHEDS AT KIGOMA ON LAKE TANGANYIKA. SINCE THEN, HOWEVER, SHIPS HAVE TAKEN OFF A GOOD SHARE OF BACKED-UP BURUNDIAN COFFEE STORED IN DAR AND AMI HAS RESUMED SHIPPING OF COFFEE OUT OF BUJUMBURA.

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